

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-30, drawn to a network routing element, classified in class 709, subclass 217, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 31-53 and 54-61, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 31-53 and 54-61.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-61 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-30, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

Deposit Account

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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